

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/728,541
Applicant(s): Yoshikazu IKENOUE (as Amended)
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COPY
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

Applicant hereby petitions that the above-identified patent application be withdrawn from issue.

The issue fee authorization was mailed, with the Certificate of Mailing, on September 5, 2007 and was received by the Patent and Trademark Office on September 10, 2007.

Applicant has received an office action, dated October 16, 2007, in the counterpart Japanese patent application, and desires to have the Patent and Trademark Office consider the references cited in that office action.

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Accordingly, a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted herewith, to become effective upon the granting of this petition, which will provide for consideration of a request for continued examination in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 114.

An Information Disclosure Statement is also submitted herewith for inclusion in the RCE. The Information Disclosure Statement cites two references, both in Japanese, which were cited in the October 16, 2007 office action, and provides a copy of one reference and a copy of an English abstract of one reference.

Please charge the fee, considered to be \$130.00 currently prescribed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) for a petition to the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(e) to withdraw an application from issue, to SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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